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TO : Vetting Officer
FROM : AKH
SUBJECT : Record Check and Suggested Action on MURAD Ferid case.

1. From the security point of view the only concrete clearance we can give to an agent of this type is the corroboration of his story with the sources at our disposal. In this case the subject's statement of his career as set forth in Interrogation Report, 11 July 1945, S/A A.B. Holtsman, SCI Munich is fairly well borne out in SHAEF card (attached) and information from most secret sources, War Room Signals, 18 July 1945 (Ferid dossier). These two sources confirm pretty adequately the mechanical aspects of the subject's intelligence work such as his movements, assignments, and superiors.

2. Apart from this, there are certain more general reasons relating to the employment of subject as a reliable PA. With X-2 agents I think it is our job to concern ourselves with these too. In the statement accompanying the vetting form, the recruiter lists many reasons for requesting the approval of this prospective PA. Reasons a), 2, 6, 7 and c) 1, 2 are the most valid from the vetting standpoint. Further assurance comes from subject's "Report on Mil Amt D Removal from Reit-im-Winkel and Final Dissolution" 13 July, 1945 (Ferid Dossier). This report is the result of a trial mission carried out by subject for no pay. The recruiter seems very satisfied with this report. The subject seems to have regarded his intelligence work mostly as part of his army career, rather than as opportunity for advancement through party connections. This is somewhat borne out by "War Room Signals, 5 July 1945" which state that the subject served first in the artillery but was later assigned to the Abwehr because of his knowledge of many languages. The subject served with the ~~initial~~ Abwehr initially but his resistance to the gradual infiltration of the party-dominated SD was not notable. However, from work on the Balkan desk, I know that the GIS in that area was affected very little by the assumption control. Practically all the Abwehr officers retained their jobs and the organization at that level was hardly changed. A point in the subject's favor in this connection is that he did desert Mil Amt D in April '45.

As far as further action on our part is concerned, the interrogation report gives several references to relatives in the USA (attached) which might help outline subject's character more clearly to us. I happen to know also, that there are many cards on this individual in the Balkan and Near East files which might add to the general information on him.

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